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DEAN BORSCH ELECTED TO COUNCIL

GREENWICH, Conn. -- The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church has elected the Very Rev. Frederick Houk Borsch of Princeton, N. J., to its membership to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Canon W. Ebert Hobbs of Toronto, Ont., Canada, who has resigned. The Council met Feb. 25-26 at Seabury House here.

Borsch, whose term on the Council will expire at the September 1982 meeting of the General Convention of the Church, was elected on the first ballot from a field of three. The other nominees were the Rev. Timothy M. Nakayama, St. Peter's Church, Seattle, and the Rev. Canon O. Dudley Reed, Jr., Holy Trinity Church, Danville, Ill. The vacancy had to be filled by a presbyter.

Borsch, 45, served as dean, president and professor of New Testament at Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, Calif., from 1972 until July 1980, when he became dean of Princeton University Chapel.

Prior to assuming his position at Church Divinity School, Borsch taught at the General Theological Seminary in New York City and at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

Borsch received his B.A. degree in 1957 from Princeton. He went on to earn B.A. and M.A. degrees at Oxford University and his S.T.B. degree from the General Theological Seminary.

Borsch returned to England to earn a Ph.D. at the University of Birmingham in 1966. During the period 1963-66 he was a tutor for New Testament studies at Queen's College, Birmingham, and a lecturer and examiner at the University of Birmingham.

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He is the author of The Son of Man in Myth and History (1967); The Christian and Gnostic Son of Man (1970); God's Parable (1976); and Introducing the Lessons of the Church Year: A Guide for Lay Readers and Congregations (1978). He has also written articles and reviews in theological journals, books and magazines.

Borsch married Barbara Sampson in 1960. They have three sons.

Canon Hobbs was executive assistant to the Episcopal bishop of Ohio prior to accepting the position of director of membership development for the Anglican Church of Canada last year.

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